**Cut in duty on import of edible oil**

1241. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a reduction in duty on edible oil imports is likely to be effected;

(b) if so, whether Government have under pressure from the Vanaspati Sector, recommended 10 per cent drop in duty;

(c) whether Government are considering to drop duty on crude palm oil and RBD palmolein imported from Malaysia; and

(d) if so, to what extent this cut in duty would help the vanaspati industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD) : (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

**Allocation of Foodgrains**

1242. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and allocation of wheat, rice, kerosene and edible oil during the last two years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether allocation is less than the demand;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to fulfil the demand;

(e) whether provisions for population born in different decades are different; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) to (d) Allocation of foodgrains (wheat and rice) under TPDS to all States/UTs has been fixed on the basis of TPDS guidelines and not on